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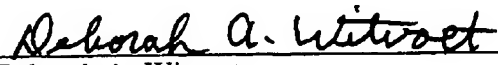
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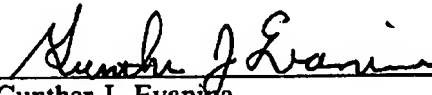
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In response to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2004, Applicants request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments To The Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments To The Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.